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Self Examination

05.18.2007 | Campus and Community The University of Dayton's board of trustees today approved a reaccreditation self-study report in preparation for a fall site visit by UD's regional accrediting agency.

A campus steering committee spent two years preparing the 217-page report, which evaluates how well UD fulfills its Catholic, Marianist mission, chronicles major curricular developments and physical changes at UD since its last reaccreditation visit 10 years ago and highlights future challenges.

"We offer this assessment to show our resolve and our firm commitment to continuous quality improvement at the University of Dayton," said Joseph Untener, associate provost for faculty and administrative affairs, who coordinated the effort. "By nearly all measures, UD has made strong strides — from raising money to endow 30 faculty chairs to investing \$60 million to construct living and learning complexes, such as ArtStreet, Marianist Hall and RecPlex. In the past 10 years, the University of Dayton has solidified its standing as one of the premiere Catholic universities in the nation, but we must continue to transform ourselves to meet the changing needs of the times while reaffirming our distinctive Catholic, Marianist mission."

Untener and steering committee members met with approximately 50 groups on campus to review the self-study, answer questions, hear concerns and collect comments.

"A hallmark of the University's self-study process was frequent, widespread communication with the University community leading to extensive input," Untener said.

The report can be found here. As part of the reaccreditation process, the public is invited to submit comments about the quality of academic programs and all aspects of campus life and outreach. All comments must be in writing and signed. Submit comments no later than Aug. 1, 2007, to: Public Comment on University of Dayton, Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504.

A team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will evaluate the University of Dayton for reaccreditation during a site visit Sept. 17-19, 2007.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six regional accrediting agencies in the United States that provides institutional accreditation. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

Founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary (Marianists), the University of Dayton focuses on educating the whole person through a community of challenge and support. It is recognized as a top-tier national university and one of the 10 best Catholic universities in the nation.

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